


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: November 10, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 11/14/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria (basement level)• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202
Tuesday 11/15/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee, Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:45 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber/ Room 222• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton North High School - Film Lecture Hall, Walnut St.• Newton Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force, 7:45 p.m., Cafeteria (basement level)
Wednesday 11/16/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Safety and Transportation, 8:15 p.m., Room 202• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 203
Thursday 11/17/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham Homelessness Consortium, 2:30 p.m., Planning Dept. Conf. Room• Traffic Council, 7:00 p.m., Room 222• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202• Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209
Friday 11/18/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culture 'n Cuisine Kick-Off Celebration, 8:00 a.m., 2nd Floor of City Hall

- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will hold a Working Session on **Monday, November 14th at 7:45 p.m.** in Room 202. The following items will be discussed: **#49-11** requesting analysis of the new Floor Area Ratio rules; **#272-11** requesting a conservation easement on 1.5 acres at **15 Bracebridge Road**; **#150-08** proposing a clarification that a commercial vehicle parked at a residential property must be registered to the owner/occupant; **#164-11** requesting a report on the update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan; item **#60-10** proposing that sections 30-15(s)(10) and 30-24(b) of the City of Newton Ordinances be amended to substitute a 3-D computer model for the scaled massing model in order to facilitate compliance with recent amendments to the Open Meeting Law and that sections 30-23 and 30-24 be amended to reflect the filing procedures in Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board of Aldermen. **For more information, contact Seth Zeren at 617-796-1145 or szeren@newtonma.gov.**

- **Community Preservation Committee: Happy 10th Birthday, Newton CPA!**



Come to our first neighborhood birthday party for **Newton Corner, Nonantum, and Newtonville, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, November 15th**, in the Newton North High School Film Lecture Hall (enter from the front lobby). Refreshments provided! **Enjoy historic maps & photos of these neighborhoods**, ask questions, and add your photos & project ideas to our interactive maps.

See www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact **Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.**

- **Land Use Committee – Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222. The agenda includes the following: **#282-11**, Richard D. Sewall request to allow four attached dwellings in two buildings; to waive the side setback requirement; and to allow a lot coverage of more than 25% at **87-89 WABAN STREET**; **#283-11**, Vladimir Khaynovsky request to extend a nonconforming structure by enclosing an existing deck to create a bedroom increasing the Floor Area Ratio from .70 to .73 at **66 CRAGMORE ROAD**; **#137-10(3)**, Sharad S. Gandbhir request for an accessory apartment in an existing detached structure and to allow three parking spaces in the front setback and less than five feet from the front lot line at **298-300 ADAMS STREET**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617-796-1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 203. The following items will be discussed: Sign approval at **308 Walnut Street, 215 Needham Street, 104 Needham**

- **Street, 217 California Street, 288 Centre Street and 100 Needham Street;** Fence appeal to allow for a 6' fence on the front property line at **2235-2271 Commonwealth Avenue**. Contact **Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123** or dvalentine@newtonma.gov.
- **Public Safety & Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 8:15 p.m. in Room 202. A detailed agenda can be found on the City's website at www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm.
- **Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham Homelessness Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on **Thursday, November 17th** at 2:30 p.m. in the Planning Department conference room (basement level). The agenda will include: Debrief on the FY11 application submission and proposed changes for the FY12 application process; Establish a Planning Group to assist staff in developing policies and procedures; Establish a Point-in-Time working group to facilitate the PIT count in January, discussion on how grantees can provide data on a more frequent basis and a head's up on HUD's new "CoC Check-up" in preparation of the promulgation of the HEARTH Act. **Contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156** or tguditz@newtonma.gov.
- **Traffic Council:** The Council will meet on **Thursday, November 17th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The following items are scheduled to be discussed: Ald. Freedman on behalf of David Sands, requesting examination of traffic and pedestrian safety at the **intersection of Dudley Road and Baldpate Hill Road** including stop sign location and pavement markings; Ald. Sangiolo, Gentile and Harney requesting installation of speed tables on **Concord Street**; James and Karin Rizza, 19 Cornell Street, requesting that during soccer and baseball seasons parking be allowed only on one side of **Cornell Street**; N. Robert Nunberg requesting a handicap parking space in front of **38 or 42 West Street**; Sally Rizzo requesting **Playstead Road** be changed to a one-way street; Ald. Ciccone requesting parking restrictions on vehicles parking in **Hargrave Circle** cul-de-sac; Ald. Ciccone requesting parking restrictions on vehicles parking in **Wilson Circle** cul-de-sac; Marsha Canick requesting several parking spaces on **Walnut Street** be removed from the corners on each side of **Duncklee Street**. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133** or dkoses@newtonma.gov.
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, November 17th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **17 Chestnut Hill Terrace**, request to replace existing windows; **246 Beacon Street**, request to install pedestrian signal; **Administrative Discussion:** Review of meeting minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129** or blever@newtonma.gov.
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, November 17th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The Following items will be heard: An after-the-fact **NOI** filing at **76 Hyde Avenue** for alteration of bank construction of retaining wall and failure to mitigate for prior OOC in the 30 ft. flood zone, 100 ft. buffer zone and back of Hyde Brook; **DCR Yearly Operating Plan (VMP) for Newton RDA**, continued from July, 2011; **320-322 Needham St. EO**; **Shaw's donation for drainage improvements for Hammond Pond**. **Violations: 73 Beaconwood Road; 193 Oak Street. Certificates of Compliance: 330 Homer Street; 24 Warren Street; 56 Farwell Street; Riverside MBTA Station.** For the complete agenda please go to <http://www.ci.newton.ma/cityplcc.htm> or **contact Anne Phelps at 617.796.1134** or aphelps@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning Reform Group:** The Group will hold a meeting on **Thursday, November 17th** at 4:00 p.m. in Room 222. The group will discuss the feedback from the public meeting on November 3rd and discuss final revisions to its report. **For more information, see the Zoning Reform Group's webpage** <http://newtonma.gov/Planning/zoning-reform-group.htm>, or **contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145** or szeren@newtonma.gov.
- **"Culture 'n Cuisine Kick-Off Celebration":** The Newton Cultural Alliance and the City of Newton have launched a new partnership and we are proud to share our enthusiasm for Newton's arts and business communities. Join the celebration and learn more about this new and innovative program that offers arts patrons the opportunity to "dine at a discount" in Newton's restaurants. Join Mayor Warren for the kick-off on **Friday, November 18th** at 8:00 a.m. on the second floor of Newton City Hall. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617-796-1127** or astout@newtonma.gov.

